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H. R. 2273

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 1997

Mr. JEFFERSON (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. FROST, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. FURSE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. NEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. STARK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MANTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OLVER, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. DIXON, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. BERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON REDUCTIONS IN BENEFITS**
 4 **FOR SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES RE-**
 5 **CEIVING GOVERNMENT PENSIONS.**

6 (a) WIFE’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 7 202(b)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 402(b)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “an amount equal
 9 to two-thirds of” and inserting “the amount (if any) by
 10 which the sum of such benefit (before reduction under this
 11 paragraph) and”, and by inserting “exceeds \$1,200,” be-
 12 fore “if”.

13 (b) HUSBAND’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 14 202(c)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(2)(A)) is
 15 amended by striking “an amount equal to two-thirds of”
 16 and inserting “the amount (if any) by which the sum of
 17 such benefit (before reduction under this paragraph)
 18 and”, and by inserting “exceeds \$1,200,” before “if”.

19 (c) WIDOW’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 20 202(e)(7)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(7)(A)) is
 21 amended by striking “an amount equal to two-thirds of”
 22 and inserting “the amount (if any) by which the sum of
 23 such benefit (before reduction under this paragraph)
 24 and”, and by inserting “exceeds \$1,200,” before “if”.

1 (d) WIDOWER’S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section
 2 202(f)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(2)(A)) is
 3 amended by striking “an amount equal to two-thirds of”
 4 and inserting “the amount (if any) by which the sum of
 5 such benefit (before reduction under this paragraph)
 6 and”, and by inserting “exceeds \$1,200,” before “if”.

7 (e) MOTHER’S AND FATHER’S INSURANCE BENE-
 8 FITS.—Section 202(g)(4)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 402(g)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “an amount equal
 10 to two-thirds of” and inserting “the amount (if any) by
 11 which the sum of such benefit (before reduction under this
 12 paragraph) and”, and by inserting “exceeds \$1,200,” be-
 13 fore “if”.

14 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by section 1 shall apply with
 16 respect to monthly insurance benefits payable under title
 17 II of the Social Security Act for months after December
 18 1997.

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